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## Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A knitting tool, particular for knitting machines or warp knitting machines, comprising:

having a loop-drawing needle (2), which has an elongated shank (5) that has a hook (9) on one end and a cheek region (12) spaced apart from the hook (9), which cheek region is widened compared to the rest of the shank (5), and the shank (5) is provided with a drive means for effecting a longitudinal motion;

having a transfer needle-(3), which has an elongated body (23) that parallel to the loop-drawing needle (2) is supported displaceably against the loop-drawing needle and is provided with a drive means for effecting this longitudinal motion; and

having a transfer hook (26), which is embodied on one end of the elongated body (23) of the transfer needle (3), and whose width measured transversely to the longitudinal direction (4) exceeds the width of the hook (9).

Claim 2. (currently amended): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that embodied wherein on the shank (5) is a first control face (36), which at at least one point has an inclination to the longitudinal direction (4) of the shank (5); and

that embodied wherein on the body (23) is a second control face (37), for entering into engagement with the first control face (36) and for imparting a transverse motion relative to the loop-drawing needle (2) to the transfer needle (3), beginning at the longitudinal relative motion.

Claim 3. (currently amended): The knitting tool of claim 1, eharacterized in that wherein in the cheek region (12), the shank (5) has a noucat (16), in the form of a groovelike recess extending in the longitudinal direction, and an extension (31) embodied on the transfer hook is associated with

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Claim 4. (currently amended): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that wherein the

transfer hook (26) has a width that is greater than the width of the shank (5) of the loop-drawing

needle (2).

Claim 5. (currently amended): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that wherein the

transfer hook (26) has a width that is greater than the width of the body (23) of the transfer needle

<del>(2)</del>.

Claim 6. (currently amended): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that wherein the

transfer hook (26) has a width that matches the width of the cheek region (12), measured from flank

(14) to flank (15).

Claim 7. (currently amended): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that wherein in

the cheek region (12) on the shank (5), at least one guide face (17, 18) is embodied, which extends in

the longitudinal direction (4) and is located in the same plane (E) that the hook (9) or the tip (11) of

the hook (9) touches.

Claim 8. (currently amended): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that wherein in

the cheek region (12) on the shank (5), at least one guide face (17, 18) is embodied, which is located

in a plane (E) that is offset transversely to the longitudinal direction (4) of the shank (5) from the tip

(11) of the hook (9).

Claim 9. (currently amended): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in, that wherein

the end toward the hook of the cheek region (12) forms at least one rising face (21, 22) for the

transfer hook (26).

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Claim 10. (currently amended): The knitting tool of claim 3, characterized in that wherein

the transfer hook (26) is provided, on both sides of its protrusion (31), with slide chamfers (28, 29),

which are guided on the shank (5) in the cheek region (12).

Claim 11. (currently amended): The knitting tool of claim 3, characterized in that wherein

the extension (31) has a width that is greater than the width of the hook (9).

Claim 12. (currently amended): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that wherein

the loop-drawing needle (2) and the transfer needle (3) are supported on one another without

prestressing.

Claim 13. (currently amended): A knitting machine, comprising: having a cam, which

includes a spring means (41) that executes a relative motion with respect to a the transfer needle (3)

of a the knitting tool (1) of claim 1, in order to press the transfer needle (3) intermittently against a

the loop-drawing needle (2) belonging to the knitting tool (1).

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